Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of April 13, 2005

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

SUBJECT:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

**COMMITTEE:** 

INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Study abroad programs offer students educational opportunities beyond the traditional classroom. As Miami-Dade County Public Schools begins the implementation of its Secondary School Reform plan, the District must focus on strategies that will enable students to gain valuable experiences that will prepare them for success in a global economy.

Participation in high school study abroad programs can provide students with unique educational experiences while increasing awareness of different customs, cultures and perspectives. These programs will enable students to further develop foreign language skills.

There is no cost to the District.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTIN KARP:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida requests the Superintendent of Schools to incorporate study abroad programs as part of the Secondary School Reform initiative.

There is no cost to the District.